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STAFF REPORT: Law Enforcement/Public Safety
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SUBJECT: Law Enforcement Update

Summary

Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 5090.50, law enforcement entities that receive funds from the Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program are subject to financial and performance audits at least once every five years. As of January 2016, the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division started posting site visit reports for law enforcement agencies that receive grants from the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Trust Fund. The reports are located on the [OHMVR Division Grant Site Visits web page](#).

The OHMVR Division law enforcement team offers a POST-approved (Peace Officer Standards and Training) OHV law enforcement class to local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies statewide. The goal of this class is to educate other agencies regarding OHV-specific laws, and promote the consistent statewide application of those laws.

The law enforcement team provided law enforcement, public safety, and educational support on the Rubicon Trail during the summer. The law enforcement team added the Fordyce Trail to its deployment schedule during 2017. The team continues to be active in supporting State Vehicular Recreation Areas (SVRAs) during periods of peak and special events, as well as assisting other agencies with their large events, such as the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) King of the Hammers.

Discussion

Grant Site Visit Reports

The OHMVR Division continues to post site visit reports on the Division website for law enforcement agencies receiving grant money. Thirty-four (34) law enforcement reports for 2017 have been posted. Forty-six (46) site visits are scheduled for 2018.

OHV Law Enforcement Training Classes

OHMVR Division law enforcement staff presented eight OHV law enforcement classes to local, state, and federal agencies that provide OHV recreation opportunities. To date, classes have been held at the following cities: Butte College, Clearlake, Clovis, French Camp, La Quinta, Rancho Bernardo, Redding, and San Luis Obispo. In 2017, more than 160 students from 32 agencies completed the training. The OHV sound training class has also been offered at three locations, with 67 students from 10 agencies attending.

Law Enforcement Deployment Update

Rubicon Trail: In 2017, OHMVR Division law enforcement staff deployed on five occasions between June and September to assist the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office, the Placer County Sheriff's Office, and the Eldorado National Forest with education, law enforcement, calls for service, and search and rescue.

Fordyce Creek Trail: In 2017, Division law enforcement staff deployed on two weekends during high use periods (including the Sierra Trek event) on the Fordyce Creek Trail and surrounding areas to support Placer County Sheriff's Office and United States Forest Service.

Prairie City SVRA: OHMVR Division law enforcement staff will assist Prairie City SVRA with the annual Hangtown Motocross Classic event.

Ocotillo Wells SVRA: OHMVR Division law enforcement staff provided three peace officers for two days to assist Ocotillo Wells officers over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend during 2017 and deployed two officers for the Tierra Del Sol event this year.

King of the Hammers: The OHMVR Division deployed nine law enforcement officers, plus support staff, in 2018 to support the BLM California Desert District, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office, and the United States Marine Corps with boundary patrol, education, law enforcement, calls for service, and search and rescue. Officers worked 10-hour shifts totaling more than 300 hours of law enforcement assistance. Staff from all OHMVR districts made approximately 650 law enforcement, base incursion, education and medical contacts during the event.

Oroville Dam Spillway Incident: In February 2017, the OHMVR Division deployed four superintendents and four state park peace officers to the Butte College Law Enforcement Command Center and were on scene within six hours of call for assistance. Staff logged in more than 200 hours assisting the State Office of Emergency Services (OES) with evacuation, patrol, and other peace officer functions.

Commission Action

For information only.

Attachments

None